BARTENDER HEARD MAN SEND DECOY MESSAGE

Frequent Meetings in Main Street Saloon.

Newport News - Pullman Porter Saw One Display Huge Roll of

Details of the \$2,000 robbery at the Central National Bank, which was effected Tuesday by a gang of professional bank robbers, were yesterday completed when The Times-Dispatch the call was made and the meths by hard for days rehears which the thief succeeded in reaching ing holiday programs. Main Street Station, At the station he caught a train for Newport News, and is supposed to have left it there

to prepare a drink for him.

The bar-keeper last night told a reporter for The Times-Dispatch that the man at the telephone was mum-bling his words and appeared to him to be nervously excited, although he "O Come All Ye Faithful!" Venite to be nervously excited, although he was paying no particular attention to him at the time. The bar-keeper said that this man remained at the telephone for several minutes and had left when his companion had secured the drink for which he asked. The two men then left the place and "London" was not seen again. However, the drink for which he asked the companion had secured the drink for which he asked. The two men then left the place and "London" was not seen again. However, the companion had seen again. don" was not seen again. However, the Gloria in Excelsis (Old Chant); recestall, smooth-shaven man remained at the hotel overnight and was in the bar Happy Morn!"

WAY HAVE MADE ESCAPE

IN WAPTING AUTO

From this it is believed that two men were sent to the bank to complete the robbery. It is supposed that they would take no chances on an incompetent chauffer, and that an automobile was hired and that this machine was driven by one of the gang of robbers. The other stole the money while Receiving-Teller Lynwood F. Vincent was talking over the telephone with the confederate. It is thought that the machine was probably left standing in First Street facing north and that as soon as the thief appeared the en-

According to the bar-keeper in the East Main Street saloon, the man telephoned from his place about 12:45 o'clock. Officials at the Central National Bank were of the opinion that the robbery had occurred about 1:15 o'clock, but were unable to state definitely that it was not before that time that the money was stolen. They that the money was stolen. They think the money was stolen. They think they discovered the loss of the packet of \$500 about that minute, but have no definite way by which to determine.

The robbers but ample time to catch The robbers had ample time to catch the train for Newport News, which left Main Street Station at 1.98 o'clock, if they used an automobile and if the decoy telephone call was made about 1245 o'clock as the bar-keeper asserts. These times being correct, it is believed that the porter. John Pierce, was correct in saying that the man who boarded the train so hurriedly that he was unable to purchase a ticket was the man who actually stole the cash.

CONDUCTOR TELLIS OF MAX

CONDUCTOR TELLS OF MAN WITH BIG WAD OF MONEY

CONDICTOR TELLS OF MAN WITH BIG WAD OF MONEY Captain A. J. Blanton, 214 North Twenty-sixth Street, the conductor in charge of the train, was last night interviewed by a reporter for this paper. He said that Pierce had come to him with his eyes bulging, and had said that there was a man in the parlor car with his pockets crammed with money. The negro said he had never seen so many bills before. Captain Blanton said that it was this man from whom he later collected a cash fare. The man left the train at Newport News.

Upon returning to Richmond later in the afternoon captain Blanton happened to meet Police Sergeant Sherry, and told him of the incident. The conductor knew nothing of the robbery at that time, and sergeant Sherry at once told him that this man was probably the thief. Detective Sergeant Wittshire was notified at Police Headquarters, and at once informed Captain Me-Mahon. Telegrams were sent to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New-York containing a description of the man which had been furnished by Captain Blanton and Pierce.

Up to an early hour this morning the police had received no reply to any of these telegrams. It is believed that the man with the blue chinchilla over, coat took a boat for New York, and should have arrived in that city about a oclock yesterday afternoon.

ELECTS ECHOLS'S SHCCESSOR

ELECTS ECHOLS'S SUCCESSOR

Governor Calls Election to Choose Sena-tor from Ninth District. The successor of Senator Edward chols, deceased will be chosen at a

The successor of Senator Edward Echols, deceased, will be chosen at a special election to be held in the Ninth Senatorial District of Virginia on January 19, 1815.

An order calling the special election was issued by Governor Stuart yesterday afternoon. The Ninth Senatorial District is composed of the Counties of Augusta and Highland and the city of Staunton. To this time no mames have been mentioned in connection with the candidacy for the vacant seat in the Senate, but it is expected that there will be one or more announcements to-day. The Senator elected at the special election will serve only through Senator Echols's unexpired term.

MUSIC WILL FEATURE CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Bank Robbers Said to Havo Held Excellent Programs Have Been Ar- Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond ranged for Practically All Churches.

After Robbery, Men Took Train for Christmas Day Will Be Observed by Sixty-Day Maturities Will Enjoy 5 Special Services in Richmond Churches-Holiday Programs Are on Elaborate Scale.

Inspiring Christmas music will be rendered to-morrow in nearly all of the Richmond churches, and the musi-cal programs will form a striking feature of the services arranged in oblearned the location from which the servation of the day. Choir singers, decoy telephone call was sent, the time musicians and directors have worked the call was made and the means by hard for days rehearsing and arrang-

At the Church of the Holy Trinity at

Main Street Station. At the station he caught a train for Newport News, and is supposed to have left it there and taken a boat for New York or Boston.

The list of events is continuous, and, according to persons related to each of them is flawless with record to the flaw of the may and congregation in singing Christmas hymns. In morning prayer the Te Deum and benedictive will be used by the distribution.

GINTER PARK WILL HAVE MORNING SERVICE

At St. Thomas Episcopal Church,

yesterday morning. He has not since GRACE EPISCOPAL CHOIR HAS GOOD PROGRAM.

as soon as the thief appeared the engines, kept running, were opened and that the car sped to Marshall Street and thence rapidly to the Main Street Station.

According to the bar-keeper in the East Main Street saloon, the man telephoned from his place about 1245 o'clock, Officials at the Central National Bank were of the opinion that the robbery had occurred about 1245 o'clock, but were unable to state dental state of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Claiborne, both of Richmond.

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BAR TELEPHONE WAS USED MUSICIANS HARD AT WORK MEMBER BANKS ARE NOTIFIED

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Beginning on Monday, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond will reduce the discount rate on sixty-day maturithe discount rate on sixty-day maturities from 5½ per cent, the present rate on this class of paper, to 5 per cent, the discount rate enjoyed now only by thirty-day maturities. It will reduce, also, from 6 per cent to 5½ per cent, the discount rate on commercial paper maturing from sixty to minety days maturing from sixty to ninety The rate on maturitles over ninety days will be 6 per cent.

Notice of the change in rates will be

AMUSEMENTS

Academy-Lucille La Verne Company, n "Polly Primrose." Bijou—Grayce Scott Company, in "In Mizzoura," matinee and night. Lyric-Popular vaudeville, matinee and night.

Colonial-Photoplay, "St. Elmo," and war pictures.

"Polly Primrose,"—or George!

By way of signalizing, celebrating and making membrable its removal from the Empire Theatre, the Lucille La Verne, Company presented at the Academy of Music last night, for the

middle of the second act, the company, Keep them on hand-HOLSUM Pan Bis-uits.

Association, a part, or several parts, of "Polly Primrose," Then about the

WIEAMBOATS.



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ROCHAMBEAU...Jan. 16, 3 P. M. LA TOURAINE.. ...Jan. 28, 3 P. M. FOR INFORMATION APPLY Richmond Trust and Savings Co., Corner Main and Seventh Streets. Richmond Transfer Co., 819 East Main Street, Agents. Blehmond.

as a company, simply "blew up," and, from that time on, gave, for the benefit of one of the most hilarious audiences that the house has held in many and the casualties became apparent:

| And. In justice to them, they didn't know anybody was hurt; it just struck them as being a funny fight. Later, the casualties became apparent:

by way of one door, entered by the door directly opposite, and trifles of like character had happened. But

with the choir age.

The list of everals is continuous, and them a boat for New York or the plant of the plan

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It of one of the most hilarious audiences that the house has held in many a day, a performance that, so far as dramatic consistency, coherency and smoothness were oncerned, might as diramatic consistency, coherency and smoothness were oncerned, might as well have been called "George Primpose" as anything else.

It was a pity, too, for Madeleine King, the new ingenue of the company, who was intrusted with the title role, was giving a very sympathetic and charming interpretation of the unusually pretty character, and Mr. Arnold, despite glaring anachronisms of dress, was playing the lover in manly andwhat is more to the point, since he is always manly—in letter-perfect style. Besides them, Miss La Verne was taking every advantage of a negro mammy character, save that which would have been obtained from more thorough familiarity with her lines, and several of the other members of the company were playing easily and well.

Several of the programmed characters had been eliminated, and the cast had been pretty well shifted about, but, on the whole, the performance was that been eliminated, and the cast had been pretty well shifted about, but, on the whole, the performance will long reduce, er cent, only by reduce, er cent, only by way of one door, entered by the borge J. door directly opposite, and trifles of

satisfactory performance by to-night, and "Polly Primrose" is a charming little play, in which Miss King, Mr. Arnold and Miss La Verne will show to good advantage. Meanwhile, the audience will long remember last night's performance, and the Virginia

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DISTRIBUTED AMONG POOR

ommunity Christmas Tree is Dressed and Ready for Yuletide Celebration.

Hundreds of stockings were distribted last night among the poor by the Community Christmas committee, of which Mrs. James II. Capers is chairman. Colored children also shared in the gift-giving. Boy Scouts rendered valuable assistance in delivering the stockings, collecting them during the stockings, collecting the mass of matter, which apparent was mailed at the last possible mit ute. More that fifty wagonloads, collecting the mass of matter, which apparent wite. More that fifty wagonloads, collecting them during the mass of matter, which apparent was mailed at the last possible mit ute. More that fifty wagonloads, collecting them during the mass of matter, which apparent wite. More that fifty wagonloads, collecting the mass of factors of forty mail sacks each, was fall parcels alone were delivered yetserda with Community Christmas committee, of

children will give an example.

dancing.

The ceremony will begin at 6 o'clock.

At 5:30 o'clock Boy Scouts, under the
leadership of six district commissioners, will gather to assist the police in
handling the crowds.

BUSINESS SUSPENSION

Banks and Other Establishments Will Have Double Holiday This Week.

WILL MARK CHRISTMAS

Business will practically be suspend-Business will practically be suspended here to-morrow, although in some lines it is necessary to continue operations. Stores, shops, factories and offices, however, will all close, and, in some instances, will not reopen until Monday. In this latter class are the local banks, which have decided to give their employes the benefit of three days' rest.

three days' rest.
Freight offices of the various railroads entering Richmond will be closed
to-morrow, with the exception of the
delivery departments, which will remain open for one hour in the morning for the delivery of perishable goods.

No freight, however, will be received for shipment At the local post-office,

holiday hours will be observed. package on the floor, but this me prove to be an impossibility if the pre-ent rate of increase continues. Yeste day, both the incoming and the ou going divisions were jammed with the mass of matter, which apparent

to grant employes a double holids are the machinery and mill supp houses. Others will probably follo

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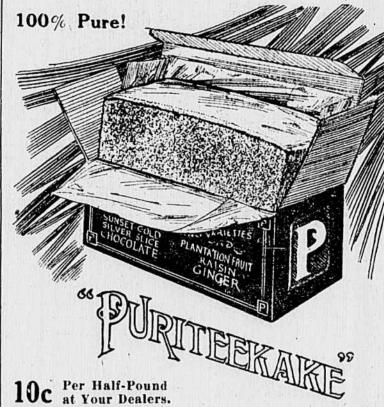
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